GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS APPELLATE BOARD
PRABODH PANDA

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have set up the Intellectual Property Rights Appellate Board (IPRAB);

(b) if so, the details thereof and the date of functioning;

(c) the matters related to the Board;

(d) whether the Board adjudicate all disputes under the Trade Related Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS); and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) to (c): Yes, sir. The Intellectual Property Appellate Board (IPAB) has been established at Chennai with effect from September 15, 2003. The Board consists of a Chairman, Vice-chairman and Technical member. Under Section 84 of the Trade Marks Act, 1999, the Central Government has specified Ahmedabad, Chennai, Delhi, Mumbai and Kolkata as the places at which a Bench of the Board shall sit. The Board has appellate jurisdiction against the decisions of the Registrar under the Trade Marks Act, 1999 and the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999.

(d): No, sir.

(e): Does not arise.